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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing a number of non-inflammatory acne lesions comprising the step of topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne lesions, wherein said dermatological composition comprises <u>an active agent</u>, and the active agent consists essentially of Dapsone.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.

Claims 5-6 (Canceled).

- 7. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a suspension.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.

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(Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition further 13.

comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a

fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a 14.

semisolid aqueous gel.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream. 15.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion. 16.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a solution. 17.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is an 18.

ointment.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray. 19.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition further 20.

comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a

fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 21.

3% dapsone.

(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 22.

5% dapsone.

Claims 23-24 (Cancelled).

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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25. (Previously Presented) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises an active agent and the active agent consists essentially of dapsone.

Claim 26 (Cancelled).